Vestal Central Schools

Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
| Kim Myers, President | Superintendent Mark LaRoach |
| Joan Miller, Vice President | School Business Administrator Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Mark Browning | Director of Instruction Laura Lamash |
| Jerry Etingoff | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| John Hroncich | District Clerk Kay Ellis |
| Glenna Pitarresi | Student Government Representative Nate Grossman |
| Michon Stuart |  |
|  | About 39 Visitors |

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| The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Kim Myers in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was requested in memory of the slain Johnson City police officer. | | | | | | #334-14  Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance | |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn immediately into Executive Session to discuss recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education. | | | | | | #335-14  Executive Session | |
| The Board returned to open session at 7:25 PM. | | | | | |  | |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting as written. | | | | | | #336-14  Approval of Minutes | |
| Beverly Ochiai, 2005 State Route 26, Vestal, read a statement from her son Derek to the Board. | | | | | | #337-14  Public Comments on Agenda Items | |
| Student Government Representative:  --The boy’s lacrosse team is undefeated; girl’s lacrosse is also doing very well. The 2nd annual Running of the Bears walk/run was a successful fundraiser for the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, with support from local businesses.  --The IB Art Show last week included unique exhibits of painting and sculptures.  --Binghamton student exchange logistics are being finalized, they will visit Vestal 4/25; our students go to  Binghamton 5/2.  --Year-end events are up-coming, including elections for next year’s officers.  Board President Kim Myers reported:  --Liaisons: Glenwood is continuing efforts to involve parents, including family fun nights, after school activities and the Barnes & Noble fundraiser on 5/4. Senior Winterguard came in 3rd in last week’s competition. Tioga Hills has numerous activities to support students; they are planning the 5th grade end of year activity. Board policy committee members went to the Utica National Risk Seminar where the subjects were threat management and cyber risks. CAPTO has completed a sports wear sale, held a literacy night, is sponsoring an author visit and will hold a Book Fair in May.  --Vestal baseball team was invited to scrimmage Maine-Endwell at the inaugural game for their new field; we  were thankful to be included in their event.  --Chinese Club will have a fundraiser at Barnes & Noble on 4/12 to support Half the Sky program.  --The movie night at the high school was well attended; fun night for families.  --Upcoming events include the Teachers’ Retirement Dinner and the Hall of Fame induction and dinner.  --Ten student will travel to Spain next week.  --No incidents occurred at the Junior Prom last weekend.  --On April 25th Vestal will host the premiere of “Blue Tattoo”, a documentary about Dina Jacobson, the holocaust survivor who has visited our students for many years. A private reception will be held at 5:30, followed by the film at 6:30. A short question/answer period will be at the end of movie, then a reception in the lobby. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted to support the Raise the Roof project for Hillel Academy. The film will then be shown at the Jewish Film Festival held in Buffalo in May.  --Wieslaw Piller, the Districts’ school physician for many years, passed away today.  --The deadline for Board candidate petitions is April 22.  Superintendent Mark LaRoach reported:  --The 2014-15 budget submitted includes an addition $400,000 in State Aid that the District will get in New York State’s final budget.  --The State Education Department made a site visit to the high school on 3/6 to review school climate and culture. Twenty two students and eleven staff were interviewed; no deficiencies were found. They reported a positive, caring learning environment with safe behavior modeled and displayed.  --Responses to questions regarding the Regents Reform Agenda, which include APPR and Common Core were discussed. | | | | | | #338-14  Reports | |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept Schedule E (Enrollment Report), Schedule F (Travel/Conference Report); and approve Schedule I (Budget Transfers) and Schedule P (Personnel). | | | | | | #339-14  Acceptance of Schedules E and F; Approval of Schedules I and P | |
| Under Schedule P, the following changes in personnel were made: | | | | | |  | |
| SCHEDULE IP 4B | | | | | | | |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: ABOVE CONTRACT | | | | | | | |
| Attached please find page 3 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2013-14 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position and stipend that is underlined and in bold print. Board meeting date: April 8, 2014 | | | | | | | |
| **Area of Appointment** | | **Area/Bldg** | Stipend | Posted | Name | | APPROVED |
| INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC POSITIONS | | | | | | | |
| **Lacrosse: Varsity Boys VOLUNTEER** | **Spring Season** | |  |  | **Faulkner, Scott** | | 4/8/14 |

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| SCHEDULE IP 7 | | | | |
| LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE: | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | TENURE AREA | EFFECTIVE DATE | REASON |
| Reid, Amanda | Math Teacher | Math | 9/1/14-6/30/15 | Family responsibilities |

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| SCHEDULE IP 8 | | | | | |
| CHANGE IN STATUS: INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE IN STATUS: | | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | TENURE AREA | CHANGE | EFFECTIVE | REMARKS |
| Shank, Lori | Elementary Teacher | Elementary | Revised leave of absence dates from 2/12/14-3/26/14 to 2/12/14-3/28/14 |  | Personal reasons |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 1 | | | | |
| RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS: | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Schmidt, Cynthia | Registered Professional Nurse | African Road | 4/10/14 | Other employment |
| Taylor, Jennifer | Teacher Aide (Monitor) PT | Glenwood | 4/11/14 | Personal reasons |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 8A | | | |
| TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT/SUBSTITUTE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT (SUBSTITUTE): | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
| Tingley, Michael | Custodian PT/S | 4/9/14 |  |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 9B | | | | |
| PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS: | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | PROBATION PERIOD | SALARY |
| \*Kresge, Stephen | Bus Attendant (DIT) | Transportation | 4/9/14-4/22/15 | $8.53/hr |
| Miller, Dusty | 0.5 Teacher Aide | Tioga Hills | 4/9/14-6/24/15 | $6,541 |
| \*pending fingerprint clearance | | | | |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 9B.A | | | | |
| RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT | | | | |
| PART TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools, having advised the Board of Education that an emergency conditional appointment is necessary in relation to an appointment of an employee, and the Board having passed policy in relation to the safety of children, and the prospective employee having filed a statement regarding criminal convictions and the Superintendent having forwarded to the State Education Department an application for conditional appointment and the fingerprints of the prospective employee, and on recommendation of the Superintendent, it isRESOLVED, that the following emergency conditional appointment is hereby made, andBE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment shall expire upon the passage of 20 business days or the approval of the appointment of such individual, whichever occurs first. | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | PROBATION PERIOD | SALARY |
| Kresge, Stephen | Bus Attendant (DIT) | Transportation | 4/9/14-4/22/15 | $8.53/hr |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 10 | | | | |
| LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE: | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REASON |
| Carey, James | Bus Driver | Transportation | 4/10/14-TBD | Medical reasons |

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| SCHEDULE NIP 11 | | | | |
| CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL | | | | |
| The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS: | | | | |
| NAME | POSITION | SHIFT/BLDG | CHANGE | EFFECTIVE |
| Solinsky, Angela | 0.5 Teacher Aide | Glenwood | To: Teacher Aide Middle School | 4/9/14 |
| The following employee has achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period: | | | | |
| Brogdale, Ronald | Bus Driver | Transportation |  | 5/1/14 |

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| On motion by David Hanson, second by Glenna Pitarresi, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education pursuant to its authority under Section 1709(12) of the Education Law hereby accepts the following gifts:    Description Approx. Value Donor Recipient  Cash Donation for Hall of $500.00 Beverly Ochiai Vestal Central  Fame Inductions School District  Cash Donation for Hall of $200.00 Patrick Giannetto Vestal Central  Fame Inductions School District | #340-14  Acceptance of Gifts |
| On motion by Glenna Pitarresi, second by Michon Stuart, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission to approximately 96 music students for a trip to Washington D.C. and Maryland for the World Strides Music Festival, April 25, 2014 to April 27, 2014. There is no cost to the district for this trip. | #341-14  Field Trip Approval; Music Students to Washington D.C. & Maryland |
| On motion by John Hroncich, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the Johnson City Central School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to approximately fifteen (15) students attending non-public schools beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at a cost of $344.18 per student. | #342-14  Health and Welfare Service Charges-Johnson City Schools |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the proposed tentative school budget for the 2014-15 school year be and is hereby adopted in the amount of $74,168,309 and said amount will be the spending plan upon which the eligible voters of the Vestal Central School District will consider on May 20, 2014; and  BE IT ALSO RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approves the submission of the 2014-15 Property Tax Report Card to the New York State Department of Education as required by NYS regulations. | #343-14  Adoption of 2014-15 Budget |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Reorganization Meeting for the Board of Education be held on July 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Administration Building. | #344-14  Reorganization Meeting for 2014-15 |
| On motion by Michon Stuart, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Vestal Central School District, Location 70308, hereby establishes the attached listing as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body. | #345-14  Standard Work Day for Employees |
| On motion by Glenna Pitarresi, second by John Hroncich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education give permission for approximately 235 12th grade students to travel  to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ on June 12, 2014 for the Senior Class trip. There is no cost to the District for this trip. | #346-14  Senior Class Trip to Six Flags |
| On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the Binghamton City School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to approximately eighty-one (81) students attending non-public schools beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at a cost of $302.39 per student. | #347-14  Health and Welfare Service Charges-Binghamton City School District |
| On motion by Glenna Pitarresi, second by David Hanson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with the Jewish Community Center to provide prekindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2014-15 academic year. | #348-14  UPK Contract - Jewish Community Center |
| On motion by Joan Miller, second by Glenna Pitarresi, the Board voted 8 to 0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice-President be authorized to sign an agreement with Cub Care Children’s Center, Inc. to provide prekindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2014-15 academic year. | #349-14  UPK Contract – Cub Care Children’s Center, Inc. |
| The Board reviewed the following policies: 5323: Reimbursement for Travel/Meals/Refreshments (revised from former 6161)  5570: Financial Accountability (revised)  7310: Code of Conduct (revised)  7320: Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students) (revised)  On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adopt these policies. | #350-14  Policy |
| None. | #351-14  Voice of the Public |
| **Monday, April 28, 2014 – 7:00 PM; Regular Meeting**  Board Conference Room; Administration Building  **Tuesday, May 13, 2014 –6:00 PM Budget Hearing; 7:00 PM Regular Meeting**  Auditorium; Clayton Avenue Elementary School  **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 –9:00 PM Regular Meeting to Certify the Vote**  Board Conference Room; Administration Building | #352-14  Future Meetings |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Michon Stuart, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn into Executive Session for an update on negotiations and the status of a personnel issue. | #353-14  Executive Session |
| On motion by David Hanson, second by Jerry Etingoff, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn the meeting immediately. | #354-14  Adjournment |
| The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. |  |

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Kay Ellis, District Clerk

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
| Kim Myers, President | Superintendent Mark LaRoach |
| Joan Miller, Vice President | School Business Administrator Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Mark Browning | Director of Instruction Laura Lamash |
| Jerry Etingoff | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| John Hroncich | District Clerk Kay Ellis |
| Glenna Pitarresi |  |
| Michon Stuart | Anne Tristan, Director of Special Education |
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Executive Session commenced at 7:03 PM in the small conference room of the Administration Building.

Recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education were on the agenda. Board members had copies of the IEPs for each student made available to them prior to the meeting and had reviewed them. Board members gave due consideration to each case before voting.

On motion by Jerry Etingoff, second by Joan Miller, the Board voted 7 to 0 to accept the recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for all students considered.

Glenna Pitarresi abstained from the vote.

The session was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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| PRESENT: | ALSO PRESENT: |
| Kim Myers, President | Superintendent Mark LaRoach |
| Joan Miller, Vice President | School Business Administrator Jeffrey Ahearn |
| Mark Browning | Director of Instruction Laura Lamash |
| Jerry Etingoff | District Negotiator Keith Olivet |
| David Hanson | School District Attorney Michael Sherwood |
| John Hroncich | District Clerk Kay Ellis – dismissed 8:25pm |
| Glenna Pitarresi |  |
| Michon Stuart |  |
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Executive Session commenced at 8:25 PM in the Board conference room of the Administration Building. The Board discussed the update on AVSP negotiations and reviewed the status of a personnel issue.

The Board session was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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